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Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 2

Monday, January 27, 2003

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Monday, January 27, 2003, in Committee Room No. 1, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Attendance

Members were present for some or all of the time period indicated.

	9:40 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Councillor David Shiner, Chair	X
Councillor David Soknacki, Vice Chair	X
Councillor Lorenzo Berardinetti	X
Councillor Ron Moeser	X
Councillor Joe Pantalone	X
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X
Councillor Michael Tziretas	X

Also Present:

Councillor Doug Holyday	Councillor Kyle Rae
Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti	Councillor Mario Silva
Councillor Joe Mihevc	

2.1 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets

Culture

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for Culture.

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a communication (December 9, 2002) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council, at its meeting held on November 26, 27 and 28, 2002, adopted, as amended, Clause No. 12a of Report No. 14 of The Policy and Finance Committee, entitled "Enhancement of the City of Toronto's Art Collection (All Wards)"; and recommended that City Council endorse the inclusion of \$100,000.00 in the City of Toronto Operating Budget each year, commencing in 2003, such funds to be dedicated for the Art Collection Reserve Fund, and this recommendation be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration with the 2003 Operating Budget.

Capital

- A. Councillor Moeser moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Capital Budget for the Culture Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

(Carried)

Operating

- B. Councillor Moeser moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:
 - (1) recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget for the Culture Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, SAVE AND EXCEPT deferring consideration of the following matters until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings:
 - (a) \$250,000.00 being allocated from the 2002 surplus as one time only funding to develop small and medium size cultural facilities across the City; and

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- (b) two additional Preservation Officers for Heritage Preservation Services and requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to provide further information in that regard at that time; and

- (2) receive the report (December 9, 2002) from the City Clerk.

(Carried)

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;
Commissioner of Urban Development Services - February 3, 2003)

Customer and Business Support

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Operating Budget for Customer and Business Support.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget for the Customer and Business Support Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

Economic Development

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for Economic Development.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it the following communication and report:

- (a) (December 2, 2002) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council, at its meeting held on November 26, 27 and 28, 2002, adopted Clause No. 1 of Report No. 10 of The Economic Development and Parks Committee, headed "Increasing Toronto's Profile Internationally and at Home (All Wards)"; and recommending that:
 - (1) the funding for the Branding Strategy be considered as a high priority during the 2003 Budget deliberations and strongly encouraged by the Budget Advisory Committee and Council; and

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- (2) the new program request of \$500,000.00 be referred for consideration with the 2003 Operating Budget; and
- (b) (January 22, 2003) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, identifying implications of providing the City's Commercial Façade Improvement Program to commercial properties along King Street East between Parliament Street and Bayview Avenue as requested by the Economic Development and Parks Committee at its January 14, 2003 meeting; and recommending that this report be received for information.

The following persons appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Pam McConnell, Ward 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale; and
- Councillor Kyle Rae, Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale.

Capital

- A. Councillor Pantalone moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget for the Economic Development Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, subject to the following amendments:
 - (1) that the extension of the Façade Improvement grant for the Old Cabbagetown BIA be at zero cash flow in 2003, and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to work with the Old Cabbagetown BIA on producing a community improvement plan and revitalization strategy and report thereon to the Budget Advisory Committee through the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration during the 2004 budget process; and
 - (2) that the funding for the Bloor Street Transformation Project be deferred for consideration during the 2004 budget deliberations and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to work with relevant parties to initiate a funding formula and report thereon to the Budget Advisory Committee through the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

(Carried)

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Operating

B. Councillor Moeser moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget for the Economic Development Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, SAVE AND EXCEPT deferring consideration of the following matters until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings:

(1) the balance of funding for the Local Awareness and International Branding Campaign in the amount of \$423,000.00 from 2002 surplus; and

(2) the report (December 2, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that City Council, at its meeting held on November 26, 27 and 28, 2002, adopted Clause No. 1 of Report No. 10 of The Economic Development and Parks Committee, headed "Increasing Toronto's Profile Internationally and at Home (All Wards)", and recommending that:

(a) the funding for the Branding Strategy be considered as a high priority during the 2003 Budget deliberations and strongly encouraged by the Budget Advisory Committee and Council; and

(b) the new program request of \$500,000.00 be referred for consideration with the 2003 Operating Budget.

(Carried)

C. Councillor Pantalone moved that the report (January 22, 2003) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be received.

(Carried)

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;
c. Committee Administrator, Economic Development and Parks
Committee - February 3, 2003)

Tourism

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Operating Budget for Tourism.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget for the Tourism Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, SAVE AND EXCEPT deferring consideration of the \$100,000.00 increase for Tourism Toronto until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings.

Parks and Recreation

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for Parks and Recreation.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it the following communications and reports:

- (a) (October 10, 2002) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council, at its meeting held on October 1, 2 and 3, 2002, adopted, as amended, Clause No. 2 of Report No. 10 of The Planning and Transportation Committee, entitled "Harmonized City-Wide Ravine By-law"; and directed that it be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration with the 2003 Operating Budget;
- (b) (December 2, 2002) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council, at its meeting held on November 26, 27 and 28, 2002, directed that Clause No. 20 of Report No. 15 of The Policy and Finance Committee, headed "Parks and Recreation Division's Capital Budget and Plan Responses to Questions (City-Wide)", be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for information;
- (c) (January 22, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting on the potential expansion of the weekend and holiday paid parking at regional parks, as requested by the Economic Development and Parks Committee at its January 14, 2003 meeting; and recommending that the Budget Advisory Committee consider implementing additional paid parking as part of the 2003 budget deliberations;
- (d) (January 22, 2003) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing information on any financial implications associated with the comprehensive study of arsenic in playgrounds containing structures constructed of wood treated with Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA); and recommending that:

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- (1) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be authorized to implement the Integrated Management Strategy as set out in this report and that funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 be added to the Parks and Recreation 2003 budget as a one-time cost to undertake the work;
 - (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be authorized to retain the services of an environmental consultant to undertake annual comprehensive testing of those sites subject to the Integrated Management Strategy and report back as part of the annual budget process on the results of the testing and any further costs associated with applying the Strategy to sites identified for remediation and those sites where the test results indicate readings within 10 percent of the criterion and that funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 be added to the Parks and Recreation 2003 base budget to cover these costs on an ongoing basis;
 - (3) appropriate funding source(s) for the \$225,000.00 be considered as part of the 2003 budget deliberations, including consideration of the potential for any available 2002 surplus, in order to maximize the 2003 operating budget impact;
 - (4) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be authorized to share the results of the playground testing with Health Canada and the Medical Officer of Health be directed to monitor the actions of the Health Canada Pest Management Regulatory Agency with respect to this issue;
 - (5) the report be forwarded to the Board of Health for their information; and
 - (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (e) (January 23, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that the North York Community Council, at its meeting held on January 21, 2003, recommended that the Budget Advisory Committee be requested to include in the 2003 Capital Budget, \$0.5 million for sports field upgrades and other recreational amenities in the North York Community Council Wards and that it be funded from the \$0.5 million in the former City of North York development charge reserve funds for parks and recreation services.

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The following persons appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the aforementioned matter:

- Councillor Olivia Chow, Ward 20 Trinity Spadina;
- Councillor Douglas Holyday, Ward 3 Etobicoke Centre;
- Councillor Pam McConnell, Ward 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale; and
- Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, Ward 34 Don Valley East.

Capital

A. Councillor Pantalone moved that:

- (1) the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Capital Budget for the Parks and Recreation Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, subject to the following amendments:
 - (a) reinstate the Millwood Parking Lot Project in the amount of \$150,000.00, such project to be carried out so that water would not be fed into storm sewers but would be treated through a porous surface so that the water would dissipate safely; and further that the additional costs be taken from underexpenditures in the district; and
 - (b) reinstate the Glen Agar Park Parking Lot Upgrade Project in the amount of \$100,000.00; such project to be carried out so that water would not be fed into storm sewers but would be treated through a porous surface so that the water would dissipate safely; and further that the additional costs be taken from underexpenditures in the district; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to develop a policy which would lead to more environmentally friendly parking lots in the City's parks and ravines and report thereon to the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

(Carried)

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Councillor Shiner appointed Councillor Soknacki Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

B. Councillor Shiner moved that the Councillor Pantalone's motion A. be amended by adding the following amendments:

- “(3) \$75,000.00 be added for the Edithvale Community Centre to proceed with the conceptual design work, such funding to be subject to the City entering into an Agreement with the Toronto School Board for the use of the facility; so that necessary funding can be detailed in the 2004 budget submission;
- (4) the Parks and Recreation Capital Accounts CPR 103-15 (Parking Authority Lot 3) and CPR 107-02 (Queensway Rink/Fieldhouse Study) remain open to complete outstanding work and take advantage of a recent private donation, such donation to be allocated in the Parking Authority Lot 3 Account for the Norman Jewison Park and for the Queensway Rink and Fieldhouse Study, with the balance to be used to complete the conversion of the rink and change rooms, subject to there being no net impact; and
- (5) that \$0.5 million for sports field upgrades and other recreational amenities in the North York Community Council Wards be included in the 2003 Capital Budget, to be funded from the \$0.5 million in the former City of North York development charge reserve funds for parks and recreation services, as recommended by the North York Community Council.”

(Carried)

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

C. Councillor Berardinetti moved that Councillor Shiner's motion B. be amended by adding the following:

SAVE AND EXCEPT

- “(6) deferring consideration of the Lamport Stadium Project until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meetings and requesting the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to comment at that time on the full budget cost of the project which would achieve the Economic Development and Parks Committee

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recommendation to have the turf installed commencing in 2003, deferring the structural aspect of the project until 2005 and the implications of going forward with the project over two years; and

- (7) deferring consideration until Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings of the Change of Scope for Victoria Village to consider approval of the original City funded portion of the project for \$2 million cash flowed as \$0.200 million in 2003 and \$1.8 million in 2004.”

(Carried)

Operating

- D. Councillor Pantalone moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget for the Parks and Recreation Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, including funding for the harmonization of the City-wide Ravine By-law of \$93,900.00 in 2003 and an additional \$74,300.00 in 2004; SAVE AND EXCEPT deferring consideration of the following matters until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings:

- (1) an additional \$1.00 increase to golf rates be applied above and beyond the recommended \$3.00 per round average in order to fund \$200,000.00 in operating to restore the health of rivers, streams and the waterfront, funds to be directed to the base program; and
- (2) the reduction of the Parks and Recreation General Programs from nine weeks to eight weeks in 2003 not be supported and that the recommended 2003 Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation be increased by \$250,000.00 accordingly.

(Carried)

Councillor Shiner appointed Councillor Soknacki Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- E. Councillor Shiner moved that Councillor Pantalone’s motion D. be amended by adding that the following matters also be deferred to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings:

- “(3) report (January 22, 2003) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism providing

information on any financial implications associated with the comprehensive study of arsenic in playgrounds containing structures constructed of wood treated with Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) and to consider the inclusion and one time funding of \$200,000.00 in 2003 and ongoing funding of \$25,000.00 for this purpose; and

- (4) funding for the Goose Control Program.”

(Carried)

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

F. Councillor Pitfield moved that:

- (1) Councillor Pantalone’s motion D. be amended by adding that the following matter also be deferred to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings:

“(5) the Children and Youth Action Committee’s 2003 Action Plan for Children and requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to provide a briefing note at that time on the recommended realignments in the 2003 and 2004 programming for children living in poverty with particular regard to the recommendations embodied in the Children’s Action Plan.”; and

- (2) the following communications and report be received:

- (a) (October 10, 2002) from the City Clerk;
- (b) (December 2, 2002) from the City Clerk; and
- (c) (January 22, 2003) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

(Carried)

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;
c. Committee Administrator, Economic Development and Parks
Committee - February 3, 2003)

Yonge-Dundas Square

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Operating Budget for Yonge-Dundas Square.

Councillor Shiner appointed Councillor Soknacki Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget, for the Yonge-Dundas Square as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

Economic Development and Parks Committee - 2003 Capital Program

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a communication (January 15, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that the Economic Development and Parks Committee, at its meeting held on January 7 and January 14, 2003, reviewed the 2003 Capital Program for the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department and recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the 2003 Capital Program for the following Divisions:

I. Culture:

As presented, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) Franklin Carmichael Art Centre Retrofit – \$70,000.00 be reinstated in the 2003 Capital Budget to allow for the completion of the preliminary plans for the subject project and the 2004 Capital forecast for this project be reduced by the same amount to enable the community to go ahead with their fundraising which will in the long run save the City money and show the community that the City is meeting the needs of citizens in North Etobicoke; and
- (b) City Council be requested to advise the Waterfront Corporation of the strong interest of Council in developing a significant cultural site further to a feasibility study being undertaken by the Culture Division and that the Corporation be requested to identify sources of funding for the site; the said cultural site to include the history of the City on land and water and the cultural history of the citizens who have come to Toronto over the last 100 years and have contributed to its growth.

II. Economic Development:

As presented, subject to the following amendments:

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- (a) \$90,000.00 gross and \$45,000.00 net be added to the BIA Capital Budget for the new Church/Wellesley BIA;
- (b) extension of the Façade Improvement grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 for Old Cabbagetown BIA with zero cash flow in 2003 and \$40,000.00 cash flow in 2004, such extension to be conditional on the BIA commencing a community improvement plan and revitalization strategy in 2003, and further that the Economic Development Commercial Façade Improvement Program budget be adjusted accordingly; and
- (c) City Council be requested to endorse the Bloor Street Transformation Project and request the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to work with relevant parties to initiate a funding formula for consideration in 2004.

III. Parks and Recreation:

As presented, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) Lamport Stadium:
 - (i) in order to maximize participant usage at Lamport Stadium, the project, included in the 2003 Capital program (cash-flowed over two years), be revised to reflect replacement of the artificial turf commencing in 2003 and that the structural repairs be deferred to future years; and
 - (ii) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism assess the cost of the turf replacement in 2003 and adjust the full project cost as required in the 2004 Capital Program;
- (b) Cummer Park Community Centre - add \$50,000.00 to the FY2003 Capital Budget Community Centre Category to provide for parking improvements and equipment upgrades at the Cummer Park Community Centre to improve the parking access for users to encourage growth of membership at the Cummer Park Community Centre facility;
- (c) a "Change of Scope" for the Sub-Project known as Franklin The Turtle Story Book Garden - Parks and Recreation Capital Works Program in the amount of \$100,000.00, net zero to the Corporation of the City of Toronto, such "Change of Scope" be in the full amount of \$100,000.00, and that expenditures not exceed the receipt of such funds, noting that Unilever Canada, Division of U L Canada has agreed to contribute \$100,000.00 toward this project of which the first contribution of \$35,000.00 has been received;

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- (d) Millwood Parking Lot Project be deleted;
- (e) Glen Agar parking lot upgrade be deleted;
- (f) Talbot Park - a "Change of Scope" to the Talbot Waterplay facility in the amount of \$172,000.00; delete the Trace Manes Waterplay as shown on page A6 of the analyst notes at \$147,000.00 carried forward from 2002, necessitating an upward budget adjustment of \$25,000.00 to the originally approved \$150,000.00 at Trace Manes to address required site utilities upgrades to accommodate the waterplay facility;
- (g) Pleasantview Community Centre - \$100,000.00 of the total budget of \$150,000.00 be redirected, from Outdoor Recreation Centre subproject No. 106, and that a new sub-project account be established in the Community Centre Project Category to carry out the required work at Pleasantview Community Centre to address concerns raised respecting the volume of fine dust particles at the Centre's indoor bocce courts warranting a change to improved synthetic material;
- (h) a Study be undertaken to look at a long term approach for the Port Union Recreation facility, such study to be done within the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department's budget;
- (i) Weston Skateboard Park – project to be implemented in 2003 in the amount of \$300,000.00, such funding to be from the Subdividers Deposit Reserve Fun (XR2014);
- (j) Pelmo Park – project to be implemented in 2003 in the amount of \$600,000.00, such funding to be from the Subdividers Deposit Reserve Fun (XR2014);
- (k) Edithvale Community Centre – \$75,000.00 be added to proceed with the conceptual design work so that necessary funding can be detailed in the 2004 budget submission;
- (l) St. Andrews Playground and Clarence Square be included as a 2003 Capital Submission from the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department, in the amount of \$200,000.00, such funding to be from developer contributions at no net cost to the City; and
- (m) the Parks and Recreation Capital Accounts CPR103-15 (Parking Authority Lot 3) and CPR 107-02 (Queensway Rink/Fieldhouse Study) remain open to complete outstanding work and take advantage of a recent private donation, subject to there being no net impact.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

Economic Development and Parks Committee - 2003 Operating Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a communication (January 15, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that the Economic Development and Parks Committee, at its meeting held on January 7 and January 14, 2003, reviewed the 2003 Operating Budget for the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department and recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget for the following Divisions:

I. Culture:

As presented, subject to adding \$250,000.00 to be allocated from the 2002 surplus as one time only funding to develop small and medium size cultural facilities across the City.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee reports having requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to assign a City staff person as a contact for the Emery Village Arts and Heritage Committee and the Ward Councillor be informed accordingly.

II. Customer and Business Support:

As presented.

III. Economic Development:

As presented, with the 2003 funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the Local Awareness and International Branding campaign in the Economic Development Program to be funded as \$77,000.00 from Reserve Fund XR 1048 (International Marketing Strategy) and \$423,000.00 from 2002 surplus.

IV. Parks and Recreation:

As presented, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) an additional \$1.00 increase to golf rates be applied above and beyond the recommended \$3.00 per round average in order to fund \$200,000.00 in operating to restore the health of rivers, streams and the waterfront, funds to be directed to the base program; and

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- (b) the reduction of the Parks and Recreation General Programs from nine weeks to eight weeks in 2003 not be supported and that the recommended 2003 Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation be increased by \$250,000.00 accordingly.

V. Tourism:

As presented, subject to increasing the Tourism Toronto budget by \$100,000.00.

VI. Yonge/Dundas Square:

As presented.

On motion by Councillor Tziretas, the Budget Advisory Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:00 noon.

Chair